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Pharmacy Technician Committee

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Agenda

August 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Minutes – June 30, 2021
- III. Enhanced Pharmacy Technician Role Test Program
- IV. Next meeting date
- V. Adjournment

PHARMACY TECHNICIAN COMMITTEE

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125 HOLMES STREET, STE 300

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11: 00 a.m.

MINUTES

David Figg, Chair called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Members present: Sarah Lawrence, David Figg, Martika Martin, John Long, Jill Rhodes, Hope Maniyar and Sarah Lisenby. Absent: Melissa Burgess and Peter Cohron. Guests present: Larry Hadley, Eden Davis and Darla Sayre.

Hope Maniyar moved to approve the minutes from June 30, 2021. John Long seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Enhanced Pharmacy Technician Role Test Program David Figg requested clarification on the request from the July 27, 2021 Board meeting for additional information on the pilot program. Jill Rhodes suggested providing a list of participating pharmacies, training requirement details and the elements of the implementation of the program to ensure that the results will be standardized at all sites. David Figg questioned Eden Davis, Board Counsel on the legality of the test program as it requires testing sites to work outside of current regulations. Ms. Davis stated the Board has discretion to not enforce regulations for a test program for exploration of future regulatory amendments.

The committee discussed the Board's suggestion on allowing technicians to interpret Clia waived or Point of Care testing. The Board was hesitant on allowing the interpretation of the test. Ms. Davis advised that currently technicians can administer the tests at the instruction of a pharmacist but only the pharmacist can interpret the results. Jill Rhodes stated that with appropriate training she believes a certified pharmacy technician has the ability to interpret the results of the test. Martika Martin noted that the results of the test are straightforward and easy to read. The treatment plan implemented as a result of the test remains the responsibility of the pharmacist.

David Figg requested suggestions on the development of a more detailed pilot program. The possibility of requesting assistance from the colleges of pharmacy was discussed. Martika Martin suggested contacting the APPKC, Advancing Pharmacy Practice in Kentucky Coalition for assistance. Hope Maniyar volunteered to contact this group and provide their response at the next meeting.

Hope Maniyar requested if it was possible to include the pay scale of technicians in the program. Research on technician pay would be beneficial in addressing the national issue of employing and retaining quality pharmacy technicians. David Figg said that as an owner it was critical to have quality pharmacy technicians on staff. Technicians seek other careers for higher wages and possible advancement in their position.

A doodle poll will be sent for availability for the next meeting.

Hope Maniyar moved to adjourn. John Long seconded, and David Figg adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.